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CHINESE FORCES ENCIRCLE TAIWAN DURING EXERCISES

The provocative show of force comes days after Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen met US House speaker Kevin McCarthy

29 FIGHTER JETS CROSS SENSITIVE MEDIAN LINE

The aim of the exercises is to test the ability of the Chinese forces to seize control of the sea, air and information, the Chinese media reported. At least 29 Chinese fighter jets crossed the sensitive median line in the Taiwan Strait that separates the island from China. The three-day event will include live-fire drills off China's Fujian coast, which faces Taiwan

ENCIRCLEMENT LINKED TO TSAI'S U.S. VISIT

- Though China routinely conducts drills around Taiwan, encirclement is being seen viewed as a response to Tsai's meet with McCarthy
- China said the operation dubbed "United Sharp Sword" is necessary to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity while Taiwan slammed Beijing for deliberately creating tensions | P9

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FIGHTER JETS AND SEVEN WARSHIPS ARE TAKING PART IN THE WAR DRILLS

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POLL TREMORS

Ready to work under Kharge as CM, says DKS

KPCC president's statement is likely to create a stir in K'taka's political circles

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar, who is in the race for the chief minister's post if the Congress returns to power in Karnataka, on Saturday sprung a surprise by issuing a statement that he is ready to work under All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge if the latter wished to become chief minister.

"He is my leader and AICC chief. I love to work under him (Kharge)," Shivakumar said while replying to a query on whether he would willingly sacrifice the top post if Kharge threw his hat in the ring.

Shivakumar substantiated his statement while highlighting that the eighty-year-old Congress leader Kharge had himself made sacrifices in the past to abide by the party high command's decisions.

"For our state and our country, he is an asset, and I will abide by the decision of the party. He is senior to me by 20 years. I came (to the Assembly) in 1985 and Kharge in 1972. Kharge had resigned as Congress Legislature Party leader at midnight (to switch to national politics on the party high command's instruction to make way for Siddaramaiah to take over as CLP leader in June 2009). He rose through the party ranks to become AICC president, which is not possible in any other party. It is possible only in the Congress. The state unit received the much-needed boost after Kharge became AICC president. So, I will not go against his wishes," he said. P4

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CONTRACEPTIVES TO BE USED TO CURB TIGER POPULATION?

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

INDIA may just succeed in controlling population. Not of humans though. But of tigers, as it is planning to use contraceptives to limit their procreation. Relocating them to Thailand is another proposal that is being tossed around. On Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will reveal the exact count of the big cats in India to mark the completion of 50 years of Project Tiger.

Experts say the tiger population in India has reached its threshold level. The numbers are more than what is officially stated as nearly 40% of tigers live outside their reserves. The government is considering using contraceptives besides relocating some tigers to Thailand control their population. "We cannot allow trophy hunting like in Africa. However, we must think of relocating to a sub-optimal reserve and contraceptive use," says Dr Y V Jhala, former dean of Wildlife Institute of India.

There are other ways, too. "I would suggest instead of contraceptives, the revival and strengthening of 32 major tiger corridors. They are the buffer to help tigers move to sub-optimal tiger reserves," says Sameer Sinha, head (conservation) at the non-profit Wildlife Trust of India.

The current situation of plenty is in stark contrast to the early 1970s, when dwindling numbers and global environmental concerns propelled India to launch 'The Project Tiger', on April 1, 1973.

PM Modi to release tiger census report in Mys today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THE Heritage City of Mysuru has been decked up and security beefed up at the Bandipur National Park (BNP) for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Sunday to release the Tiger census report to mark the 50 years of Project Tiger.

The mega event will be held at the Karnataka State Open University Convocation Hall. Delegates from across the country and abroad will participate in it. Modi will release the government's vision for tiger conservation during "Amit Kaal" and launch the International Big Cats Alliance, which will help prepare a roadmap for conservation of tigers, leopards, lions, cheetahs, pumas, and jaguars. The Chamarajanagar district administration has set up a helipad and deployed 1,500 policemen at BNP for Modi's visit to the tiger reserve. He will interact with forest staff and felicitate those who have saved injured elephants.

He will also interact with the frontline staff and field directors of tiger reserves.

Although Project Tiger was launched in 1973 in nine tiger reserves, it now covers 52 such reserves with 3,000 big cats. However, Modi's interaction with schoolchildren at Bandipur has been cancelled in view of the Model Code of Conduct. Mysuru city police have imposed restrictions on movement of vehicles from 5 am to 3 pm.

EXPRESS READ

No difference with Oppn parties: Pawar

Mumbai: Reiterating his stand on JPC probe into the Adani issue, NCP chief Sharad Pawar said that since JPC's members will be mostly from the ruling it won't be fair and impartial, and asked the opposition to focus on SC-monitored committee. P8

Dalit woman raped, burnt alive in Rajasthan

Jaipur: A 30-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly raped and burnt alive in Rajasthan's Barmer district on Thursday. The woman, who has two children, suffered about 50% burns. The accused belongs to the same village. P8

Rajagopalachari's great grandson joins BJP

New Delhi: CR Kesavan, great grandson of noted freedom fighter and India's last governor general C Rajagopalachari, joined the BJP on Saturday as the party aims to boost its presence in southern India. He was earlier in Congress.

Ajit Pawar looking to do a Shinde in NCP

SHAHID FARIDI @New Delhi

NATIONALIST Congress (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar is likely to walk out of the party and join hands with the BJP to keep Maharashtra's coalition government afloat in case the Supreme Court disqualifies Shiv Sena MLAs who had split the party under the leadership of Eknath Shinde last year.

Sources said that Ajit, who had taken all by surprise in 2019 with an early morning oath-taking in alliance with the BJP, is once again working on a similar plan. He has been in touch with NCP MLAs in order to effect an Eknath Shinde-style coup. Though Ajit has denied the plan, sources said NCP MLAs have informed party chief Sharad Pawar about the development.

Sources said there is nervousness in the Maharashtra ruling alliance due to the Supreme Court's observations during the hearing of the Shiv Sena split case. The final verdict in the case is likely to be delivered by the court before May 15 when Justice M R Shah, one of the five judges hearing the case, is retiring. The ruling alliance fears that the verdict may go either way.

Ajit's coup attempt is said to be the BJP's Plan B for holding on to power. The BJP, which has the largest number of MLAs in the state, is reportedly working closely with Ajit.

Sharad Pawar is trying to keep his flock united. Sources said there is no link between Ajit's gambit and Sharad Pawar's critical remarks on the Opposition demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Adani. They dismissed reports that Ajit's actions may have his uncle's blessings.

ITBP gets Israeli martial art Krav Maga training

HAPREET BAJWA @Bhanu (Panchkula)

THE personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) who guard the Line of Actual Control along the troubled border with China are being trained for the first time in the Israeli martial art technique Krav Maga, a hand-to-hand combat.

After a bloody physical combat with Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh in 2020, which resulted in the death of 20 Indian soldiers, the need to revamp close combat training was acutely felt, said sources.

A combination of judo, karate, boxing and wrestling, Krav Maga was first introduced in India in 2007 by the Special Protection Group responsible for the prime minister's security. British Special Air Service and the US Marines, too, are trained in Krav Maga.

The martial art focuses on finishing a fight quickly and aggressively while aiming at the most vulnerable parts of the body but avoiding serious injury or death. It is extremely efficient as it was derived from the street-fighting experience of Israeli martial art experts.

₹39L worth silver items of Boney Kapoor family seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Davanagere

ELECTION officials on Friday seized 66 kg of silver utensils and ornaments worth Rs 39 lakh belonging to the family of Bollywood director Boney Kapoor, husband of late actor Sridevi, at Hebbalu toll checkpost on Pune-Bengaluru NH 48 here.

The articles, packed in five boxes, were being transported in a BMW car from Chennai to Mumbai. During interrogation, driver Sulthan Khan and Hari Singh, who was in the car, did not give proper replies to a team of officials headed by Raghunath.

The Davanagere rural police, who registered a complaint, said the articles belonged to the family of Boney Kapoor. Further interrogation is on.

Drunk man cuts off his pvt parts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A man slashed his private parts in an inebriated state at Thondalu village in Hunsur taluk on Friday night.

According to sources, Rajashetty (40), a resident of Thondalu, cut off his private parts under the influence of alcohol. As he screamed for help, his neighbours rushed him to the taluk government hospital at Hunsur. The doctors managed to stitch back the organ.

SUKHOI SORTIE

President Droupadi Murmu in a flying suit gestures before taking a sortie on IAF's Sukhoi-30 MKI, at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam on Saturday | PTI

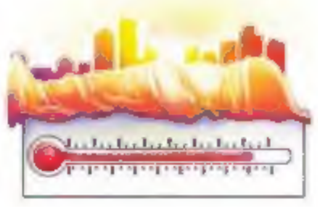
HEAT & RAIN WOES

Scientists bat for policy to tackle climate change

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

TWO eminent climate scientists have cautioned against the impact of climate change and rise in temperature over Central India "between 1.5 degrees Celsius and 1.80 degrees Celsius by 2050 and between 2.2 degrees Celsius and 4 degrees Celsius by 2100 and mean precipitation between 11 and 13% by 2050 and 15 and 30% by 2100".

In a research paper published recently, Prof BN Goswami, SERB Distinguished Fellow, Cotton University, Guwahati and former director, The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), SERB, and Dr Shailesh Nayak, Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies, (NIAS), Bengaluru and Distinguished Scientist, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), stressed on the impact of climate change on "spatial and temporal variability of monsoon rainfall and increase in extreme situations like floods and droughts." They raised concerns over preparedness for these extreme weather conditions and suggested timely interventions for better monitoring and management.



In a policy brief, 'Climate Change and Indian Monsoon: Implications on Water Cycle', published by NIAS, the authors cautioned against increase in temperatures, change in monsoon patterns, decrease in snowfall and its impact on the Indus basin and rise in extreme weather conditions like last year's floods in Pakistan. "The changes in the monsoon occurring at monthly, seasonal, annual, and decadal scales have major implications on the water cycle and consequently on all water-using sectors such as agriculture, power, biodiversity, urban settlements, etc. Are we prepared to adapt to these changes, which are likely to happen in the next 2-3 decades?"

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Future projections related to changes in monsoon patterns, droughts, sea level...Himalayan systems should be translated into policy directions

Prof BN Goswami & Dr Shailesh Nayak

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